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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	
<b>RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED:</b> <b>July 14, 2003</b>	Attorney Docket No. <b>SYMM1210</b>
Applicant(s) <b>George Zampetti et al.</b>	
Application Number <b>09/989,315</b>	Date Filed <b>November 20, 2001</b>
For <b>Core Sync Module</b>	
Group Art Unit <b>2816</b>	Examiner <b>Nguyen, Minh T.</b>
Confirmation Number: <b>9508</b>	

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This is in response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2003. In response to the Office Action, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider this application in view of the following amendments and remarks set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 31-48 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1. **(Original)** A method, comprising:

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receiving a pair of input clock signals; *various levels of clk*  
utilizing a stratum clock state machine to control a multiplexer;  
utilizing the multiplexer to switch an input of a main clock between each of the pair  
of input clock signals;  
inducing a phase build-out activity; and

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